






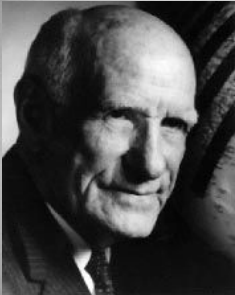



“To study is a good way to learn; to hear is a still better way; to teach is the best of all.”

-Francis de Sales,

Introduction to a Devout and Holy Life









Frank Laubach

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



“Bonhoeffer always seemed to me to spread an atmosphere of happiness and joy over the least incident and profound gratitude for the mere fact he was alive He was one of the very few persons I have ever met for who God was real and always near.”

-Imprisoned English Officer



“Bonhoeffer was as open as any man could be to all the things which make life beautiful. He rejoiced in the love of his parents, his sisters and brothers, his fiancée, his many friends. He loved the mountains, the flowers, the animals—the greatest and simplest things in life. His geniality and inborn chivalry, his love of music, art and literature, the firmness of his character, his personal charm and his readiness to listen, made him friends everywhere. But what marked him most was his unselfishness and preparedness to help others up to the point of self-sacrifice. Whenever others hesitated to undertake a task that required special courage, Bonhoeffer was ready to take the risk.”




“The guiding force in Bonhoeffer’s life, underlying all that he did, worked and suffered for, was his faith and love of God, in whom he found peace and happiness. From his faith the breadth of vision came which enabled him to separate the gold in life from the dross and to differentiate what was and what was not essential in the life of man. From it came the constancy of mind, persistency of purpose, love of suffering humanity and of truth, justice and goodness.”
—G. Leibholz



Free from hurry, busyness, or fragmentation.
Unwaveringly centered and grounded.
Relished the presence of God above all else;
 arranged life accordingly.
Lived wide in wonder to God’s creative and redemptive works.
Treated the people they encountered as souls,
 and not as problems to be fixed or opportunities to be leveraged.
Fully present to people; never absent in any way.



Lived life with gracious discipline.
Steeped in Scripture
Detached from any common self-seeking
patterns of this world: pleasure, power,
popularity, performance, possessions.
Knew not distraction.
Did all things as acts of love




Values at Fire

Belonging
Calling
Spiritual Formation
Mission
Gospel



Spiritual formation is *“the process of being
conformed to the image of Christ for the sake
of others.”*
-M. Robert Mulholland Jr.,
Invitation to a Journey



With God

“The Bible is all about human life ‘with God.’ As we read Scripture, we should consider how God is with us in each story and allow ourselves to be spiritually transformed.”

-Richard Foster



With God

Gen. 5:24 – “Enoch walked steadily with God.

Gen. 6:10 – “Noah walked with God.”

Gen. 19:27 – Abraham “stood with God.”

Gen. 28:15 – God tells Jacob, “I’ll stick with you.”

Gen 39:2 – “God was with Joseph.”



With God

Theme is traced throughout Scripture:
from individual to family,
to tribe to people,
to nation to all humanity.



